

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1899 - SB 1651**

March 31, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to include requirements in contractor risk agreements for documentation to be provided to an individual and the individual's family or caregiver advising of home- and community-based services as alternatives and that the alternatives are not sufficient, appropriate, cost-effective, or desired by the individual or the individual's legal representative prior to approval of nursing home admission.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Currently, documentation must be provided prior to approval of a nursing facility admission indicating that the individual or the individual's family determined home- and community- based alternatives are not appropriate, cost-effective, or desired.
- Expanding this to include a determination that alternatives to a nursing home are not sufficient will not result in a significant impact to the individuals who receive approval for nursing home admission and will not substantively change the current operational standards for the program.
- Any cost incurred due to these changes will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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